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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application Serial No.: 07/974,834  
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 Examiner: H. Behrend  
 Group: 2204

Honorable Commissioner of  
 Patents and Trademarks  
 Box FWC  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

June 6, 1995

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.60 of prior application Serial No. 07/974,834, filed November 16, 1992 by YOKOMIZO, et al for FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR REACTOR.

[X] 1. In accordance with MPEP 201.06(a), enclosed is a copy of the most recent application having an originally signed declaration in the chain of co-pending prior application(s) under 35 U.S.C. §120 and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy.

[X] 2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$730.00
Total Claims:	23 - 20 =	3	x \$22.00	66.00
Independent Claims:	4 - 03 =	1	x \$76.00	76.00

Total Filing Fee \$872.00

[X] 3. A check in the amount of \$872.00 is enclosed.

[X] 4. To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 in Serial No. 07/974,834, filed November 16, 1992. Please charge any shortage in the fees or credit any overpayment thereof, including extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.25507VX5). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[ ] 5. Cancel original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fees.

- [X] 6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 07/974,834, filed November 16, 1992, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/526,030, filed May 21, 1990, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/163,758, filed January 14, 1988, now abandoned.--

- [X] 7. New formal drawings are enclosed.

- [X] 8. Priority of application No(s). 217165/86, filed on September 17, 1986, in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

- [ ] 8a. The certified copy was filed on in prior application Serial No. , filed .

- [ ] 9. The prior application is assigned of record to:

- [X] 10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- [X] 10a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

- [ ] 10b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

- [X] 11. Address all future communications to:

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- [ ] 12. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Any claims added by the Preliminary Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

- [X] 13. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application, Serial No. 07/163,758 as originally filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 14, 1988.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 in parent application Serial No. 07/974,834, filed November 16, 1992, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.25507CX5) and credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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